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In re Application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003 originally required a reply by April 29, 2003.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended two months from April 29, 2003 until June 29, 2003 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$410.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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